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SUBJECT: US-CANADA BILATERALS - LAW OF THE SEA

1. DURING BRIEF DISCUSSION OF LOS ISSUES CANADIAN

MISSION OFFICER LAPOINTE STATED IN STRONGEST POSSIBLE

TERMS THAT CANADA WILL WISH TO BE A MEMBER OF THE

GENERAL COMMITTEE OF THE LOS CONFERENCE AND ASKED FOR

US SUPPORT. WE NOTED OUR STRONG DESIRE THAT GC SHOULD

BE CONSTITUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GA RES 1990, GOVERNING

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S GC, WITH SOME 17 VICE-PRESIDENCIES

AMONG WHICH FIVE SC PERMS WOULD BE EXPRESSLY NAMED AND

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP ON ORDER OF 22 OR 23.

LAPOINTE INDICATED CANADA COULD

IMAGINE QUESTIONS BEING RAISED AS TO PROPRIETY OF RESERVING

SEATS FOR FIVE PERMS.

2. LAPOINTE READ OUT PARTICIPATION FORMUAL EVIDENTLY

BEING CONSIDERED BY NORWEGIANS AND WHICH WILL APPARENTLY

TODAY BE INCORPORATED IN DRAFT LOS CONFERENCE RES

BEING DRAWN UP BY EVENSEN OF NORWAY, AMERASINGHE AND

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STAVROPOULOS. (LAPOINTE SAID HE HOPES TO RECEIVE A

COPY THIS EVENING AND WILL GIVE US ONE, WHICH WILL
BE TRANSMITTED PROMPTLY.) NORWEGIAN FORMULA CALLS, IN A
FIRST PARAGRAPH, FOR PARTICIPATION BY "STATES MEMBERS"
OF THE UN AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND, IN A SECOND
PARA, FOR PARTICIPATION BY NAMED "ADDITIONAL STATES"
(LEFT BLANK, OF COURSE, IN NORWEGIAN TEXT). HE
SPECULATED THAT ISSUES INVOLVING PRG AND GRUNK WILL BE
RAISED. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HERZ NOTED THESE
IN REALITY INVOLVE CREDENTIALS QUESTIONS. LAPOINTE
SAID CANADIANS ARE SUGGESTING TO OTHERS THAT THIS IS
INDEED THE CASE AND THAT THIS ORDER OF QUESTIONS SHOULD
BE LEFT TO THE CONFERENCE ITSELF TO DECIDE DURING THE
ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION; HOWEVER, THEY DO NOT EXPECT TO
BE SUCCESSFUL WITH THIS ARGUMENT. WITH REGARD TO
EXPECTED CAMPAIGN FOR AN INVITATION TO THE PAIGC,
LAPOINTE SAID CANADA WOULD NOT WISH TO AOOPSE AF'S .
WE SAID WE DID NOT SEE HOW WE COULD SUPPORT.
3. CANADIAN SEABED COMITE REP BEESLEY EXPECTS TO COME
TO NEW YORK FOR FIRST COMMITTEE LOS DISCUSSION.
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